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TITLE: BUFFER DEVICE FOR A WELDING WIRE AND WELDING UNIT

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Commissioner:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 5, 2005, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 4, 2008, and the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 9, 2009, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 citing an additional reference. This reference, namely *JP 8-309536*, was cited in an October 27, 2009 Office Action in connection with the corresponding Japanese patent application.

JP 8-309536 is not considered relevant because no buffer storage is mentioned wherein the wire core together with the welding wire at least over a partial region is arranged to be freely movable within a wire guide hose extending in a helix-shaped or spiral-shaped manner and having a substantially larger

cross section or inner diameter than the cross section or outer diameter of the wire core as recited in Applicants' claims.

Because this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits in the continued examination of the above-identified application, it is believed that no fee is required for same; however, if a fee should be required for this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any required fee, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 with one (1) reference

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